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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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SACHI A. HAMAI EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

AWARD OF PUBLIC WORKS CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS
IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES OF ALTADENA AND DEL AIRE
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 2 AND 5)
(3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

This action is to award public works construction contracts and authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to execute contracts for work in the unincorporated communities of Altadena and Del Aire.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Award and authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to prepare the construction contracts in the form previously approved by County Counsel, execute the contracts, and establish the effective dates following receipt of approved Faithful Performance and Labor and Material bonds and insurance filed by the contractors for the following:

- Project ID No. OSD0000010 Layton Vista Street Light Improvement, to construct conduits and pull boxes for future street light improvements, in the unincorporated community of Altadena, to Terno, Inc., in the amount of \$426,760.
- Project ID No. RDC0015250 Del Aire Pavement Preservation, Phase 1, to chip seal and slurry seal existing roadway pavement and reconstruct curb, gutter, and sidewalk, in the unincorporated community of Del Aire, to Bannaoun Engineers Constructors, in the amount of \$595,593.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

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The purpose of the recommended actions is to obtain approval from the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors (Board) to award these construction contracts and authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to execute the contracts and establish the effective contract dates following receipt of approved Faithful Performance and Labor and Materials bonds and insurance filed by contractors for each of these projects.

The project description, call for bids and bid opening dates, tabulation of bids, and financial information are provided in the enclosure for each respective project. The certified record of receipt of bids and the original bid proposals for each project are also enclosed.

The recommended construction contracts are necessary to execute Board directed and approved Department of Public Works (Public Works) projects in support of operational missions. Your Board's approval of the recommended contract awards and the subsequent execution of the contracts will ensure the timely completion of the projects.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provisions of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) and Community and Municipal Services (Goal 3). Awarding these contracts will provide improved infrastructure to better serve the public and will enhance the quality of life in the affected communities.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

These actions will have no impact to the County General Fund.

The enclosure for each project includes the amount of the recommended contract as compared with the engineer's estimate, the other bids received, and more detailed fiscal and financial information.

Sufficient funds for Project ID No. OSD0000010 are included in the Fiscal Year 2010-11 Unincorporated County Lighting Maintenance District No. 1687 Fund Budget.

Sufficient funds for Project ID No. RDC0015250 are included in the Second Supervisorial District's Road Construction Program in Fiscal Year 2010-11 Road Fund Budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The contract agreements will be in the form previously reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel. The recommended contracts were solicited on an open-competitive basis and are in accordance with applicable Federal, State, and County requirements. The contractors are in compliance with the requirements of the Chief Executive Officer and your Board.

The award of the contracts will not result in unauthorized disclosure of confidential information and will be in full compliance with Federal, State, and County regulations. These contracts contain terms and conditions supporting your Board's ordinances, policies, and programs including, but not limited to: The County of Los Angeles' (County) Greater Avenues for Independence and General Relief Opportunities for Work Programs (GAIN and GROW), Board Policy No. 5.050; Contract Language to Assist in Placement of Displaced County Workers, Board Policy No. 5.110; Reporting of Improper

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Solicitations, Board Policy No. 5.060; Notice to Contract Employees of Newborn Abandonment Law (Safely Surrendered Baby Law), Board Policy No. 5.135; Contractor Employee Jury Service Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.203; Notice to Employees Regarding the Federal Earned Income Credit (Federal Income Tax Law, Internal Revenue Service Notice 1015); Contractor Responsibility and Debarment, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.202; the Los Angeles County's Child Support Compliance Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.200; Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program Ordinance, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.206; and the standard Board-directed clauses that provide for contract termination or renegotiation.

The State Public Contract Code requires the County to award construction contracts to a responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid, which is defined as the firm that: (1) submits the bid with the lowest cost; (2) is deemed by the County to be responsive to specific criteria under the solicitation including, but not limited to, licensure, bonding, and insurance requirements; and (3) is determined by the County to be a responsible bidder by exhibiting the capability, capacity, experience, trustworthiness, and financial wherewithal to perform the work required under the bid solicitation.

To ensure the contracts are awarded to a responsible contractor with a satisfactory history of performance, bidders are required to report violations of the False Claims Act, criminal convictions, civil litigation, defaulted contracts with the County, complaints filed with the Contractor's State License Board, labor law/payroll violations, and debarment actions. As provided for in Board Policy No. 5.140, the information reported by each respective contractor was considered before making this recommendation to award.

The plans and specifications include the contractual provisions, methods, and material requirements necessary for this project and are on file with Public Works.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

Each of these projects was found to be categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act at the time your Board called for bids. The specifics of these findings are included in the enclosure for each project.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

The contracts were solicited on an open-competitive basis in accordance with the provisions of the State Public Contract Code.

The State Labor Code requires contractors to pay prevailing wage rates to all persons employed on public works construction contracts. These rates are determined by the Department of Industrial Relations and include contributions for fringe benefits such as vacations, pension funds, training, and health plans for each employee.

To further increase contractor awareness of contracting opportunities with Public Works, each of these projects was listed on the County website for upcoming bids.

Public Works will review and approve the Faithful Performance and payment bonds filed by the contractors.

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IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

These construction contracts will result in improved public works infrastructure in the communities where the work is scheduled.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to Public Works, Construction Division.

Respectfully submitted,

GAIL FARBER

Director

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Enclosures

c: Chief Executive Office County Counsel Executive Office Office of Affirmative Action Compliance

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AWARD OF CONTRACT August 3, 2010

PROJECT ID NO. OSD0000010 - LAYTON VISTA STREET LIGHT IMPROVEMENT (in the unincorporated community of Altadena), Supervisorial District 5

TYPE OF WORK: Construction of conduits and pull boxes for future street light

improvements and the performance of other appurtenant work.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: May 11, 2010 (Agenda Item 61)

BID OPENING DATE: June 8, 2010

BID SUMMARY:

Low	Terno, Inc., a corporation 15701 Heron Avenue La Mirada, California 90638 (714) 228-9631	\$	426,760.00
2	JFL Electric, Inc.	\$	460,960.00
3	MSL Electric, Inc.	\$	488,400.00
4	Christopher R. Morales, Inc.	\$	489,898.00
5	Pro Tech Electric	\$	498,850.00
6	Traffic Development Services, Inc.	\$	505,400.00
7	Steiny and Company, Inc.	\$	641,615.00
8	Freeway Electric	\$	757,457.00
9	California Professional Engineering, Inc.	\$	808,000.00
10	Comet Electric, Inc.	\$	968,450.00
11	C. T. & F., Inc.	\$1	,162,552.00

Manuel Bros, Inc., submitted a bid in the amount of \$887,560; however, they failed to include a bid bond payable to the County of Los Angeles. Therefore, their bid was considered nonresponsive and rejected as provided in the Instructions to Bidders.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$1,057,250.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$ 426,760.00
Amount of recommended contract below estimate	\$ 630,490.00

The amount of the recommended contract is 60 percent below the estimate.

Funding for this project is included in the Fiscal Year 2010-11 Unincorporated County Lighting Maintenance District No. 1687 Fund Budget.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

Terno, Inc., has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

On May 11, 2010, Agenda Item 61, your Board found this project categorically exempt.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 80 working days. It is estimated the work will start in October 2010 and be completed in March 2011.

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AWARD OF CONTRACT August 3, 2010

PROJECT ID NO. RDC0015250 - DEL AIRE PAVEMENT PRESERVATION, PHASE 1 (in the unincorporated community of Del Aire), Supervisorial District 2

<u>TYPE OF WORK</u>: Chip seal and slurry seal existing roadway pavement; reconstruct curb, gutter, and sidewalk; and the performance of other appurtenant

work.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: May 11, 2010 (Agenda Item 61)

BID OPENING DATE: June 8, 2010

BID SUMMARY:

Low	Bannaoun Engineers Constructors 9614 Cozycroft Avenue Chatsworth, California 91311 (818) 999-0394	\$595,593.00
2 3 4 5 6	Sully-Miller Contracting Company +Kalban Bond Blacktop, Inc. *ICE Engineering, Inc. *Copp Contracting, Inc.	\$598,714.00 \$625,583.00 \$682,556.50 \$700,433.00 \$762,613.00
O	+LSBE *MWBE	\$762,613.00

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$908,135.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$595,593.00
Amount of recommended contract below estimate	\$312,542.00

The amount of the recommended contract is 34 percent below the estimate.

The project cost will be financed with State Proposition 1B Transportation Bond funds under the Local Streets and Road Improvement, Congestion Relief, and Traffic Safety Account of 2006. This project is included in the Second Supervisorial District's Road Construction Program in the Fiscal Year 2010-11 Road Fund Budget.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES DATA:

Bannaoun Engineers Constructors has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

On May 11, 2010, Agenda Item 61, the Board found this project categorically exempt.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 65 working days. It is estimated the work will start in September 2010 and be completed in December 2010.

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